

For Six Month Period Ending **26 DEC 1993**
(Insert date)

Name of Registrant

Registration No. 1459

THE PALESTINE ARAB DELEGATION

Business Address of Registrant

P.O. Box 608, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

I--REGISTRANT

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in item 1.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date Assumed</i>
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5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?
 Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date terminated</i>
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7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date connection began</i>
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II—FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

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8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of Termination

9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal¹ during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals¹ whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Almansurieh, Lebanon.

III—ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Almansurieh, Lebanon.
Our activities were as follows:

1. Held meetings and conferences with members of the United Nations Delegations.
2. Entertained members of the United Nations Delegations and others in the United Nations.

¹The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).
A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity² as defined below?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Our principal is the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Almansurieh, Lebanon.

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Our principal is the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Almansurieh, Lebanon. Our activities were principally at the United Nations to win support of the United Nations Delegations in the just cause of the Palestine Arab people, victims of Zionist oppressions, occupation and usurpation. Our activities in the United Nations consisted of few releases. Our activities in the United Nations are:

- a. Disproving Zionist lies and revealing the truth to the American public about the Palestine problem.
- b. Persuade United States Administration to have its policy in the Middle East on justice and best interest of the United States.
- c. United States stop supporting Zionist illegal oppression and occupation of Palestine, and at least be neutral.
- d. Persuade U.S.A. to resist to pressure of Zionist leaders who are conspiring to railroad U.S.A. into a Middle East War which may lead to WORLD WAR III.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

²The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.³

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
July - Dec., 1993	The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine	Office Expenses	\$ 22,00.-
			<hr/> Total \$ 22,00.-

(b) RECEIPTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁴ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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³A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e)
⁴Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

<i>Date</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
July - Dec., 1993	Issa Nakhleh	Salary	\$ 4,800.-
		Temporary help	1,750
		Rent & Electricity	11,950.-
		Stamps & mailing	850.-
		Entertainment in the United Nations for U.N. Delegates	450.-
		Newspapers & books	340.-
		Repairs & miscellaneous	356.-

Total \$20,396.-

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value⁵ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS—POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value⁵ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V—POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Almansurieh, Lebanon.

⁵Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine: see 15(a).

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following: Yes.

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper articles ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☒ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups: Yes.

☐ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in this political propaganda:

☒ English

☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

VI—EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

25. EXHIBITS A AND B

- (a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following:

Exhibit A⁶ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not relevant.
 Exhibit B⁷ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

⁶The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁷The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C⁸, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and / of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) personal knowledge.

(Type or print name under each signature)

(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)

ISSA NAKHLEH

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York New York

this 19th day of January, 19 94.

STEVEN J. CORVI, SR.
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 30-4866352
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires July 28, 19 94

(Signature of notary or other officer)

⁸The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REGISTRATION UNIT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
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NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your supplemental statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Political Propaganda - page 7 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64 - Supplemental Statement):

Yes _____ or No XX

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

Yes _____ or No XX

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all such material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Issa Nakhleh
Signature

January 1994
Date

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Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

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A REPLY TO THE STATEMENTS
OF MR. GAD YAACOBİ TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 30
AND DECEMBER 1, 1993

A STATEMENT

SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS

BY

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December 6, 1993

A REPLY TO THE STATEMENTS OF MR. GAD YAACOBI TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1, 1993

MR. PRESIDENT,

The statements made by Mr. Gad Yaacobi, representative of so-called Israel, to the General Assembly on November 30, 1993, on the question of Palestine and on December 1, 1993, on the situation in the Middle East are an insult to the intelligence of the distinguished United Nations delegates. Israel is a colonial regime of Apartheid. It occupies at present the Golan heights, the southern part of Syria, and the southern part of Lebanon. It occupies certain parts of the Kingdom of Jordan. It occupied in 1948 eighty percent (80%) of Palestine, expelled 800,000 Christian and Muslim Palestinians from the area it occupied and usurped the Palestinian national wealth, namely all Palestinian's homes, lands, farms and orchards, commercial buildings, factories and possessions in 12 cities and 625 villages. It erased from the map of Palestine 492 small towns and villages and built Jewish cities and settlements on usurped Palestinian lands. Israel committed massacres against the Palestinians and desecrated Christian and Muslim Holy places.

In 1967 Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza. It usurped more than 65% of the lands of Palestinians and 90% of its water resources and built 203 Jewish settlements on usurped Palestinian lands and transferred 150,000 Israelis to these settlements. It settled 250,000 Israelis in buildings in East Jerusalem and in new Jewish settlements in Arab villages surrounding Jerusalem. These acts are violations of International Law and constitute War Crimes.

Mr. Yaacobi's statements tell the United Nations delegates that we have peace now in the Middle East, and therefore, Israel is willing to make peace treaties with all the Arab governments, and he is looking

forward for happiness, peace and prosperity in the Middle East after the agreement of principles signed by Israel and the PLO on September 13, 1993.

Mr. Jaacobi is also deceiving the distinguished delegates about the present negotiations. I give you certain examples to show that Israel is not even sincere and working for peace during these negotiations. During the negotiations regarding Gaza, Israel wants to keep in Gaza 5,000 Israeli soldiers to protect 2,000 Jewish settlers in 12 Jewish settlements. They want to usurp all the lands between these settlements. This means that while these settlements occupy four percent (4%) of the area of Gaza, they want to usurp 47% of the area of Gaza in order to protect these Jewish settlements. Israel wants to keep its armed forces on the border of the Gaza Strip.

Israel is not willing to withdraw its forces from the District of Jericho as defined during the Palestine Mandate but only form a small part surrounding the City of Jericho and deploy its armed forces in the other areas. It insists in keeping military control on the boundaries between Jericho District and the State of Jordan.

In Jerusalem, Israel established many settlements in usurped Arab lands in East Jerusalem and Jerusalem suburbs. The Jewish Press published in New York, stated in its issue of December 3, 1993, that the Jerusalem municipality headed by Ehud Olmert, a war criminal and member of the Likud party, "will push for the construction of between 10 and 12 Jewish housing projects in eastern Jerusalem including some 10,000 units....and that plans for construction in Silwan and Wadi Joz that were held up by the former municipality, will be moved forward". It states further that "Mayor Olmert signed a coalition agreement last week with the city's Orthodox and National Religious Parties that specifically calls for the construction of new Jewish neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem". The Jewish Press states further that the Jerusalem municipality will expand settlements in North Jerusalem and that "funding for the Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem is already being gathered, mainly from wealthy American Jews who support the effort to increase Jewish presence in east Jerusalem".

The Hebrew newspaper Yediot in an article published on the 1st of this month states that the Yashu Counsel, an organization of the Jewish settlers, has already made a secret plan for the establishment of 130 Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and the Golan Heights.

The Christian Science Monitor of December 2 published a report by Peter Ford from Jerusalem with the title, "Extremist Jewish Settlers Prepare for Future 'War'," and that they have already an armed gang of 15,000 terrorists to fight the Palestinians and the Israeli army.

Israel still refuses to release the 15,320 Palestinian men, women and juveniles in concentration camps and prisons. These prisoners are constantly tortured and subjected to the most inhuman treatment.

How could Gad Yaacobi tell the honorable delegates that now peace exists in the Middle East and he is looking forward for an era of peace, prosperity, economic cooperation and treaties with all the Arab states?

Mr. President and distinguished Delegates,

The Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan demonstrated during the peace negotiations which started in 1991 in Madrid, that they are willing to make peace with so-called Israel on the following conditions:

1. That it withdraws its armed forces from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon and the areas occupied of the territory of Jordan.
2. If Israel withdraws to its only recognized boundaries specified and defined by the General Assembly Resolution 181 (II) of November 29, 1947, according to which Israel declared its so-called Independence, requested to be recognized in these borders by the United Nations, the United States, the Soviet Union and other countries. It requested to be admitted to the United Nations in accordance with that resolution and promised to respect and abide by the terms and conditions of that resolution, and by the Resolution of the General Assembly 194 (III) of 11 December, 1949.
3. Israel must agree to the implementation of Resolution 194 (III) by permitting the repatriation of the Palestinian refugees and their descendants to their towns and villages from which they were evicted by the Jewish gangs, the Haganah, the Irgun Zvi Leumi and the Stern gang, by force and massacres.
4. Israel must agree to the restitution to all Palestinians of their homes, lands, commercial buildings and personal possessions which were usurped by Israel since 1948, and must compensate Palestinians for all these properties which cannot be defined. The right of private property is sacred and Israel has no right to usurp the national wealth of the Palestinians. Israel and Zionist organizations have established the World Jewish Restitution Organization which is demanding the restitution of all properties which were owned by Jews in 22 countries which were stolen by the Nazi and communist regimes. Many countries are already restituting to Jews and to Jewish organizations these usurped Jewish properties. Israel is under legal and moral obligation to do the same regarding the Palestinian rights and properties.

5. Israel must recognize the Palestinian Arab State established by the Partition Resolution of the General Assembly 181 (II) and must accept to place Jerusalem under international control in accordance with the system defined by the said Resolution or divide Jerusalem, giving the original Jewish areas as they existed in 1948 for Israel and giving the Arab areas as existed 1948 to be the Capital of the Palestine Arab State.

Mr. President and distinguished Delegates,

This is the only way to make peace in the Middle East and not as Mr. Gad Yaacobi falsely claims. It is amazing that Mr. Yaacobi is calling upon the United Nations to abandon the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council regarding Palestine and the Middle East which he calls "obsolete and anachronistic". Israel disobeyed and violated all United Nations resolutions regarding Palestine and the Middle East. It violated the principles of International Law and Justice and committed War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians and other Arab peoples in the neighboring Arab countries. 300,000 Israeli political and military leaders are guilty of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians and other Arab nations. Mr. Gad Yaacobi joined the Israeli army in 1953 and took part in the commission of massacres against the Palestinians and other Arab peoples from 1953 to 1956. He took part as an Israeli soldier in the Israeli Wars of Aggression in 1956 and 1967. As Minister of Communications from 1987 to 1990 and as Minister of Economy and Planning from 1984 to 1988, Mr. Yaacobi is guilty of War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity which members of the Israeli Cabinets committed against the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza during these two periods. His ministry of Economy and Planning is guilty of the destruction of the economy of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

As a Jew born in Palestine, Mr. Yaacobi should have not committed these crimes against fellow Palestinian citizens of the Muslim and Christian faiths. He and Itzhat Rabin are both Palestinians and are under the legal and moral obligation to respect the right of self-determination of the Christian and Muslim Palestinians.

The ridiculous idea of self-rule for the Palestinians which was advocated by the Washington Institute and wrongly made the basis of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians will lead to the failure of the peace negotiations.

Self-rule was practiced in Russia. It was developed by the Zionist Fascist leader Zeev Jabotinsky in 1912 in a book, "Self-Rule of the National Minority". It was introduced by Menachem Begin in the Camp David Agreement. Secretary of State Baker was sold this idea by some of his assistants who in 1988 discussed this idea in the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Zionist organization and a part of the Israeli Lobby. Dennis Ross and Martin Indyk (the Australian Zionist and member of Likud) sold the idea to Secretary Christopher.

Self-rule will place the Palestinians under an apartheid regime and will finally fail and lead to war in the Middle East.

Mr. President and distinguished Delegates,

The Palestine National Council, which is the Palestine Parliament in exile, declared a Palestine State in the West Bank and Gaza and elected Mr. Yassir Arafat as its President. 123 Members of the United Nations recognized the Palestine State. Mr. Arafat has been received as a head of state by all the states which he visited during the last five years. Since September 1993 Mr. Arafat is being received as a head of state in the Western European countries. We submit that it is the duty of the General Assembly and the Security Council to recognize the Palestine State and admit it immediately as a Member of the United Nations. The General Assembly must immediately call upon Israel to withdraw its armed forces and administration and Israeli settlers from the West Bank and Gaza and to return to the only recognized boundaries of Israel as defined by the General Assembly Resolution 181 (II).

The United Nations should appoint a United Nations Commission to assist Israel and the Palestine State in the negotiations of all issues between them.

Issa Nakhleh

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**A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

A STATEMENT

**SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MR. PRESIDENT,

After signing the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements at the lawn of the White House on September 13, and after Yasser Arafat shook the hands of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, many people in the world believed that, at last, peace has been made between the Arabs and the Jews. Many members of the United Nations so believe. On Friday, October 1, President Clinton met with Prince Hassan of Jordan and Shimon Peres at the White House and both shook hands before the television cameras.

Now Israel and the United States wish to convince the world that all the Arab-Israeli problems have been solved, and therefore, the archaic United Nations resolutions relating to the Palestine problem must be repealed. Arab economic boycott of Israel must be abolished. Israeli relations with the Arab states must be normalized.

This is a big deception. What was signed on September 13 is only a "Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements." Paragraph 3 of Article IV states:

"It is understood that the negotiations shall cover remaining issues, including: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and cooperation with other neighbors, and other issues of common interest."

In his speech on the lawn of the White House, Shimon Peres addressed the Palestinians and stated:

"As we have promised, we shall negotiate with you a permanent settlement and with all our neighbors a comprehensive peace, peace for all."

In the signed agreement, Israel is giving the Palestinians self-rule in the Gaza strip and Jericho while it is keeping its authority on foreign affairs and security. Israeli armed forces will remain on the borders of Gaza and Jericho and in the Israeli settlements. Israel and the Palestinians will negotiate within three to five years the permanent status of the West Bank and Gaza and all the issues mentioned in Paragraph 3 of Article IV. This agreement between Israel and the P.L.O. was rightly described by an Israeli citizen, Maxim Ghilan, Editor and Publisher of ISRAEL AND PALESTINE POLITICAL REPORT as follows:

"What is now unfolding is far from a just peace and will not, and cannot, lead to a lasting peace in the immediate.....Working within the parameters of this scheme is like building a house without strong foundations in an earthquake-prone land."

BACKGROUND OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEMS

In order to understand how to make peace in the Middle East, it is important to review the background of the Arab-Israeli problem. We do not wish to go back to 1917, but only to 1947.

1. In 1947 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 181 (II) partitioning Palestine into an Arab state and a Jewish state and an international regime for Jerusalem. The area of the Jewish state was 54% of the area of Palestine and the area of the Arab state was 45%. The Arabs in Palestine were 1,350,000 Christians and Muslims and the Jews numbered 650,000. Some of them were Palestinians and many were illegal immigrants and aliens.

2. The Jewish minority was well-armed and militarily better trained than the Palestinians, and was aided and abetted by the forces of great Britain. The Soviet Union sent large quantities of weapons and ammunition to the Jews through Czechoslovakia. The Jewish minority was able to occupy 80% of the territory of Palestine and committed against the Palestinian Arab majority the following War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide:

(a) They violated the territorial integrity of Palestine and occupied 80% thereof.

(b) They expelled from Palestine more than 800,000 Palestinian Arabs by violence and massacre.

(c) They prevented the Palestinian refugees from returning to their homes.

(d) They committed many massacres against the Palestinians:

(e) They erased from the map of Palestine 492 Arab small towns and villages and usurped all of the houses, lands and properties of Palestinian Arabs in these towns and villages.

(f) They usurped about 95% of the houses, apartments and commercial buildings of Palestinians Arabs in 625 small towns and villages and in 12 cities, namely, Safad, Tiberias, Acre, Beisan, Haifa, Jaffa, Lydda, Ramleh, New Jerusalem, Majdal, Beersheba and Ainkarem.

(g) They looted, pillaged and plundered all of the furniture, machinery, equipment, merchandise and all worldly possessions of the Palestinian Arabs in 80% of Palestine.

(h) They destroyed and desecrated Christian holy places.

(i) They destroyed and desecrated Muslim holy places.

(j) They violated the right of self-determination of the Palestinian Arabs, their sovereignty over their wealth and natural resources, and their political, civil, proprietary and religious rights and made the Palestinians a refugee nation, thereby committing the Crime of Genocide against the Palestinians.

3. The Jewish minority declared a Jewish state in the area occupied by them and in the Declaration of Independence made in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948, relied on the Resolution of the General Assembly 181 (II) of the 29th of November, 1947. It stated:

"On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Resolution requiring the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine."

4. When the Provisional Government of Israel requested the recognition by the United States, the Soviet Union and the United Nations, it stated:

"The State of Israel has been proclaimed as an independent republic within the frontiers approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution of November 29, 1947."

These facts prove that the only recognized boundaries of Israel are the boundaries specified in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181 (II), and therefore, Israel has no rights or sovereignty in the parts of Palestine which were illegally occupied in 1948 and thereafter outside these boundaries.

5. In 1967 Israel, by a war of aggression, occupied the remaining 20% of Palestine, namely, the West Bank and Gaza. It occupied the Syrian Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt.

Since 1967 Israel usurped 65% of Palestinian lands in the West Bank and Gaza and 95% of the water resources, in violation of the principles of the Law of Belligerent Occupation. It established 203 Jewish settlements on usurped Palestinian lands and transferred 150,000 Israelis to these settlements, and settled 250,000 Israelis in buildings in East Jerusalem and in settlements in Jerusalem suburbs. The usurpation of Palestinian lands, the establishment of Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories, and transferring Israeli citizens to the occupied territories and Jerusalem constitute War Crimes.

Security Council Resolution 242 is very clear. It emphasized the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and ordered Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied by war. All members of the United Nations made statements in the General Assembly and the Security Council urging that Israel should withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories and reaffirmed the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war.

All declarations made by United States secretaries of state and by United States representatives in the United Nations and by other United Nations members since 1967 called upon Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories and reaffirmed the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war.

6. Since the beginning of the Intifada in 1989, Israel has committed, and is still committing, the following War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians:

(a) It is keeping 15,320 Palestinian men, women and juveniles in concentration camps and prisons. These prisoners are tortured and subjected to the most inhuman treatment similar to the Nazi treatment of Jews and non-Jews during the Nazi occupation of Europe.

(b) Israeli forces until the end of July, 1993, murdered 1,240 Palestinians amongst whom were more than 350 children, their ages ranging from 3 to 17 years. It injured more than 140,000 Palestinians, many of them were maimed for life. It destroyed and cut more than 161,180 olive and fruit trees. It imposed curfews on many communities of more than 11,500 hours. It destroyed or sealed more than 2,449 houses, thereby rendering more than 15,000 people homeless. During the last few months Israeli forces evacuated 50 families from their homes in the Gaza Strip and destroyed these homes by rockets and tank missiles. Israeli soldiers entered these homes and destroyed furniture, refrigerators, televisions and food stuff. They made more than 300 Palestinian men, women and children homeless. Their last crime was the expulsion of the 410 Palestinians to the Southern part of Lebanon. These expellees are from the West Bank and Gaza. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, farmers, religious leaders and businessmen. Israel refused and still refuses to abide by the Security Council resolution 799 and return these expellees to their homes and families.

PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

The negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel should be on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 of 22 November 1967, 2253 (ES-V) and 2254 (ES-V) of 4 and 14 July 1967, 252 of 21 May 1968, 267 of 3 July 1969, 271 (1969) of 15 September 1969, 298 (1971) of 25 September 1971, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and 726 of January 6, 1992. And on the basis of the General Assembly Resolutions 181 (II), 194 (III) and all the General Assembly resolutions relating to the Palestine problem.

Israel must declare that it is willing to live in the Middle East, not as a colonial regime of apartheid, but as a peace-loving state.

Israel must recognize the Palestinian state which was established by Resolution 181 (II) and which was again declared by the Palestine National Council. As Yasser Arafat, the President of the Palestine state recognized the existence and sovereignty of Israel, it is the duty of Israel to recognize the existence and sovereignty of the Palestine state, which was recognized by 103 states. More members of the United Nations recognized the Palestine state than those members which recognized Israel. If Israel is really interested in peace, it must act in fairness and justice in accordance with the United Nations resolutions and the principles of international law. It should forget the ridiculous idea of self-rule which was concocted by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, an agent of the Likud Party. Self-rule is only a device to defer facing the facts and negotiate honestly, sincerely and in good faith to solve the Palestine problem and to resolve all the problems and disputes between Israel and the Palestinians.

THE ISSUES WHICH MUST BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS

1. The withdrawal by Israel of its armed forces, civil administration and Israeli citizens from the West Bank and Gaza within 15 days.
2. The release from prisons and concentration camps of the 15,320 Palestinian men and women incarcerated without any justification.
3. The boundaries between Israel and the Palestinian state: these boundaries have been already defined by Resolution 181 (II) and they are the only recognized boundaries for Israel.
4. Arrangements for co-existence between Israel and the Palestine state in Jerusalem and guarantees for the Holy places and religion for all faiths. Jerusalem can be an international city as provided by Resolution 181 (II) or can be united as the capital of the State of Israel in the West and the capital of the Palestine state in the East.

5. The usurpation of Palestinian lands in the West Bank and Gaza and the establishment of the Jewish settlements and transferring Israeli citizens to these settlements constitute War Crimes. Therefore, Israel must withdraw all Israeli citizens from these settlements and should give all the settlements to the Palestine state as part of a settlement between Israel and the Palestine state when discussing the restitution and compensation regarding Palestine properties which were illegally usurped by Israel since 1947.

6. The restitution to the Palestine refugees of all their tangible properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1948 to 1993 in the areas Israel occupied between 1947 - 1950 and compensation for the private property which cannot be restituted. Under international law private property is sacred and, therefore, Israel is under legal and moral obligation to restitute to Palestinians all their private properties or compensate them for those properties that cannot be restituted. Israel obtained compensation from Germany exceeding \$30 billion, and at present requesting restitution of, or compensation for, private Jewish properties which were usurped in all European countries.

7. The implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 194 (III) and other United Nations resolutions regarding the return of Palestinian refugees who must be given the option to return to their homes, or not to return, and be compensated.

8. Mutual security of Israel and the Palestine state.

9. Economic cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian state.

Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians over these issues must be made now and not within two years or five years as prescribed in the ridiculous agreement of self-rule. There is no valid reason for this delay. Now is the opportune time to make peace. More delaying may sabotage all efforts to make peace.

ISSUES TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN ISRAEL, SYRIA, LEBANON AND JORDAN

The issues which must be settled between Israel on the one hand and Syria, Lebanon and Jordan on the other are the following:

1. The withdrawal of Israeli-armed forces and citizens from the Golan Heights and giving all the settlements illegally established by Israel in the Golan Heights on account of compensation to be paid by Israel for the destruction of Syrian towns and villages.

2. Security arrangements between Israel and Syria, which guarantees the mutual security of both states.

3. The withdrawal of all Israeli forces and mercenary Israeli-armed forces from Southern Lebanon to the international boundaries existing between Palestine and Lebanon in 1947.

4. Payment by Israel of compensation to Lebanon for the destruction of Lebanese towns and villages and the city of Beirut during the Israeli wars of aggression against Lebanon in 1978 and 1982.

5. The withdrawal of Israeli forces and citizens from the areas of Jordanian territory which were occupied in 1948 and 1967.

6. The destruction of chemical biological and nuclear weapons in Israel and Syria.

SIGNING OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE TREATY

Peace between Israel and the Arabs is indivisible. A peace between Israel and one party to the conflict is not peace. In order to be permanent and stable, the peace must be made with Palestine, with Syria, with Lebanon, and with Jordan, and must be signed in one peace conference. Israel claims to be always worried about its security. Its security cannot be guaranteed by occupying any part of the Palestine state or Syria or Lebanon or Jordan as an expansionist aggressive neighbor.

After agreements are concluded between Israel on the one hand and the Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan on the other, a peace treaty must be signed by a comprehensive settlement under the auspices of the United Nations Security Council.

A GUARANTEE FOR THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

In order to guarantee the security of all the states and nations in the Middle East, the permanent members of the Security Council should make a declaration similar to the Tri-partite Declaration of May 20, 1950, expressing their commitment to the "establishment and maintenance of peace and stability in the Middle East and their unalterable opposition to the use of force or threat of force between any of the states in that area. Should the United Nations and its members find that any of these states was preparing to violate frontiers, it should, consistently with their obligations as members of the United Nations, immediately take action, both within and outside the United Nations, to prevent such violation." This declaration may be adopted as a resolution by the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The United States of America should join hands with the other permanent members of the Security Council to solve the Arab-Israeli problems on the above-mentioned principles. The half measures and secret negotiations and self-rule principles and delaying tactics will not bring peace to the Middle East. Dealing seriously with the problems as outlined above is the only way to bring permanent peace, justice, security and prosperity to all the states and peoples in the Middle East.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

When President Clinton appointed you Secretary of State, we were very hopeful that a distinguished lawyer, a seasoned diplomat, an able negotiator, and a man of high moral integrity will return United States Middle East Policy to International law and justice, the United Nations Charter and United Nations Resolutions, most of which, were sponsored by the United States.

I am sending you herewith two Memoranda of Facts and International Law relating to the Arab-Israeli problems, and in particular, to the Palestine problem.

I wish to summarize some of the important points included in these two Memoranda:

1. Israel is an illegitimate state. It is a colonial apartheid regime established by force, violence and massacres by a Jewish minority in Palestine. The Jewish minority occupied 80% of Palestine, expelled the Palestine Christian and Muslim majority, namely 800,000 Palestinians. Jews usurped the homes, lands and commercial properties and possessions of the Palestinians in 12 cities and 625 villages. The Jewish minority declared a Jewish state in 80% of Palestine and called it Israel. Jews erased from the map of Palestine 492 Arab small town villages and built Jewish settlements on their sites. Israel has no legitimate claim and has no rights and sovereignty in the 80% of Palestine it occupied by force and violence in violation of United Nations resolutions and the principles of International Law. Three hundred Israeli leaders must be tried for War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide.

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2. Resolution of the General Assembly 181 (II) of 29th of November 1947 divided Palestine into an Arab state, a Jewish state, and a Corpus Separatum for Jerusalem area, which was to be under International authority. The boundaries of the Arab state and the Jewish state were defined by the United Nations in cooperation with representatives of the Jewish agency. The Jewish minority declared its independence on the basis of that Resolution. The provisional Israeli Government requested recognition by the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Nations within the boundaries defined by Resolution 181 (II).

3. Israel applied to be admitted to membership of the United Nations on the basis of Resolution 181 (II). The representative of the Provisional Government of Israel, Mr. Abba Eban, stated before the Special Political Committee that Israel undertakes to abide by the terms and conditions of Resolution 181 (II). In fact, Israel violated all the terms and conditions of Resolution 181 (II). The area of the Jewish state was 54% of Palestine, but the Jewish minority occupied 80% of Palestine. The Resolution made it clear that there should be no discrimination on the grounds of race or religion and no expropriation of property, but Israel expelled 800,000 Christian and Muslim Palestinians and illegally usurped their homes, lands, commercial properties and personal possessions. Israel violated the United Nations resolution admitting it as a member of the United Nations.

4. In 1967 Israel, by a war of aggression, occupied the remaining 20% of Palestine, namely, the West Bank and Gaza. It occupied the Syrian Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt.

5. Since 1967 Israel usurped 65% of Palestinian lands in the West Bank and Gaza and 95% of the water resources, in violation of the principles of the law of Belligerent Occupation. It established 203 Jewish settlements on usurped Palestinian lands and transferred 150 Israelis to these settlements, and settled 250 Israelis in buildings in East Jerusalem and in settlements in Jerusalem suburbs. The usurpation of Palestinian lands, the establishment of Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories, and transferring Israeli citizens to the occupied territories and Jerusalem constitute War Crimes.

6. Security Council Resolution 242 is very clear. It emphasized the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war and ordered Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied by war. If you read pages 34 to 51 of the enclosed Memoranda, No. 1, you will see that all members of the United Nations made statements in the General Assembly and the Security Council urging that Israel should withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories and reaffirmed the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war.

7. All declarations made by United States secretaries of state and by United States representatives in the United Nations since 1967 called upon Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories and reaffirmed the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war.

Mr. Secretary,

When you were Deputy Secretary of State in 1977, you stated the following:

"...U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 of November 1967 establishes the principles that peace must be based on withdrawal by Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the 1967 conflict and the termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force. In brief, Resolution 242 envisages Israeli relinquishment of occupied territories in return for Arab agreement to recognize Israel's right to exist and to live in peace with it..." (DSB v77, No. 2008, Dec. 19, 1977, p. 876)

The position of the European community from 1967 until today was stated by Foreign Minister O'Kennedy of Ireland in his statement before the United Nations General Assembly on September 25, 1979, as being based on the following principles:

"(i) The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force;

"(ii) The need for Israel to end the territorial occupation which it has maintained since the conflict of 1967;

"(iii) Respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries;

"(iv) Recognition that in the establishment of a just and lasting peace account must be taken of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

"The Nine note these recent developments and recall that one of the basic requirements of a comprehensive settlement is an end to the territorial occupation which Israel has maintained since the conflict of 1967.

"The Nine are opposed to the Israeli Government's policy of establishing settlements in occupied territories in

contravention of international law; and they cannot accept claims by Israel to sovereignty over occupied territories, since this would be incompatible with Resolution 242."

THE PRESENT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WILL FAIL

1. The present direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab parties will make no progress and will fail. The United Kingdom, as the Mandatory Power, tried from 1919 to 1947 to solve the Arab-Israeli problem by negotiations, royal commissions and conferences but failed. It finally submitted the Palestine problem to the United Nations.

The negotiations between Israel and Egypt over Taba, one square kilometer of land, lasted seven years. International arbitration and international pressure finally obliged Israel to withdraw from Taba.

Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians may take ten to twenty years without any result. Israel is acting as a colonial regime of apartheid and claims sovereign rights and security rights which entitle her to perpetuate its illegal and criminal occupation of Arab territories and the commission of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide against the Arabs. No solution will be made by negotiations because Israel is the occupying power. It is negotiating from a position of strength, being supported economically, militarily and politically as "an ally" by the United States. The Israeli Delegation is under the instruction of Yitzhak Rabin, a hawk and extremist. The Israeli Delegation is very arrogant and insulting and refuses to accept the principles of international law and justice and United Nations resolutions which oblige Israel to withdraw from all the occupied territories. The Mala Fide of Israel is apparent because it is proposing to divide the the West Bank and Gaza into three parts, one part under its sovereignty, one part for Palestinians self-rule, and a third part for joint control. However, each part is divided into several pieces, and in some places not even connected. Israel proposes to keep its control on security and foreign affairs over the whole area. It refuses to discuss the future of the West Bank and Gaza, except after two or three years. It refuses to discuss Jerusalem, which it claims as "its eternal capital" in violation of all United Nations Resolutions and the principles of International Law.

2. Because the present peace negotiations are based on self-rule for the Palestinians, an idea concocted by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, which is an AIPAC subsidiary and unregistered Israeli agent. The present peace

negotiations are not based on the principles of International law and justice as outlined in the enclosed two Memoranda. How could Israeli representatives claim that the West Bank and Gaza are not occupied territories but disputed territories? How can they make such claims in the presence of the United States representatives? How can they refuse to discuss Jerusalem when they are more than ten resolutions of the Security Council and many resolutions of the General Assembly declaring that the annexation of Jerusalem by Israel is illegal? We submit that it is the duty of the United States representatives to silence Israeli representatives and rebuke them for making such irresponsible statements.

Self-rule for the Palestinians, which is the basis of these negotiations, will have the following disastrous implications:

(a) The West Bank and Gaza will become a colony, a canton or a settlement in Israel. The Palestinians will be deprived of their right to self-determination, liberty and independence in their ancestral homeland.

(b) This means that the Palestinians have renounced their sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza and legitimized the illegal belligerent occupation by Israel established by a War of Aggression.

(c) Self-rule is only a device used by Israel to defer facing the facts and negotiate honestly, sincerely, and in good faith to solve the Palestine problem and resolve all problems and disputes between Israel and the Palestinians.

(d) This is politically unwise and dangerous because nobody can guarantee what will happen in Israel with forty political parties within two, three or five years, and what extremist Government will be elected.

(e) This solution will ignore the Palestinians in the diaspora who are about five million living in refugee camps and in many countries as an exiled nation, who will strongly oppose such a solution and many will resist it by armed force because it perpetuates their agony, exile and the injustice inflicted upon them.

(f) Keeping the West Bank and Gaza under Israeli occupation for another five years will embolden the Israeli religious zealots and extremists and the settlers' terrorist gangs to increase their crimes against the Palestinians.

(g) The so-called Temple Mount gang may burn, blow up and destroy Al Masjid Al Maqsa, the Dome of the Rock and the Haram Area, the First Kibla and Third Haram, a most sacred holy place of Islam, in order to build the Jewish Temple. They made

attempts in the past, and they are threatening now to carry out their threats. This will arouse the Muslim World. Nuclear, chemical and biological war may erupt in the Middle East, and that Holocaust may destroy millions of people, Jews, Muslims and Christians alike.

The solution of the Palestine problem must be made now and not after five years. This pot has been boiling since 1918 with many wars and bloodshed.

Maxim Ghilan, an Israeli citizen and editor of "Israel and Palestine Political Report," wrote in the April/May 1993 issue the following:

"Israel wants the autonomy period as a means of taking over more and more land, water and military control in key areas of the West Bank and possibly in Gaza.....The covert objective of Israel is to consolidate Israeli control of, and settlement in, those areas of occupied land (78 percent, including the 'greater Jerusalem' area) which reach far into the heart of the Territories."

Mr. Ghilan states further that the covert objective of Israel is to "destroy the present Palestinian body politic." By establishing West Bank leadership, "the Israelis and their American allies hope the PLO leadership will disappear...which can be initiated whenever MOSSAD assassins and their masters deem the proper time."

Mr. Ghilan states further:

"The collapse of PLO prestige and the appearance of a local leadership, under indirect Israeli-American control, would greatly encourage the development of Islamic opposition among Palestinians. Local leaders would become the first victims of a militant, radicalized Palestinian-Islamic fundamentalist movement, much more extreme than the present HAMAS and Islamic Jihad factions. In turn, the appearance of such forces might gradually cause the Palestinian autonomy to collapse, or at least cause the local leaders to shy away, in fear for their lives, and this fear would remain in those leaders staying on after the first wave of assassinations.... The Israelis who have kept control over the autonomy would return to a status quo situation of a military regime - with three significant changes:

"(a) Autonomy would have proved unworkable;

"(b) The PLO would have disappeared or dwindled;

"(c) The Islamic forces among Palestinians would be, to all practical purposes, in illegal and militant control of the population.

"It is at this stage that a future Israeli government would be able to state: 'the Islamists are the ruling Palestinian establishment, for all practical purposes. We cannot deal with a force that wants the death of every Jew in Israel. The local leadership has failed. The PLO has disappeared (or has become pointless)."

"It follows that we must control the situation and rule over all of Eretz Israel for an indefinite period - both for our good and for that of the Palestinians themselves. We must wage war on the Islamists until the land is safe for both peoples."

"Every single step taken by Yitzhak Rabin, even those conditioned by factors beyond his control, can be seen to lead to such a three-stage covert plan."

3. Because United States representatives in these negotiations are Dennis Ross, Samuel Lewis and Martin Indyk, who were members of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. The Institute published in 1991 a paper entitled, "Palestinian Self-Government (Autonomy), Its Past and Its Future," by Harvey Sicherman who worked in the Department of State as speech writer for Secretary Baker. Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich of the Israeli Delegation was also a member of that Institute. Messers Ross, Lewis and Indyk are not impartial United States representatives. Politically, they can be considered full partners of the Israeli Delegation. Their objective is to limit the Palestinian option to the ridiculous idea of self-rule and reduce them to a Bantustan regime, practiced in South Africa. Messers Ross, Lewis and Indyk are not interested in applying the principles of International law and justice and the principles contained in United Nations resolutions about Palestine but to serve Israeli interests by perpetuating Israeli occupation and rule in the West Bank and Gaza. If the United States wants to be fair and objective in its intervention in these negotiations, it must remove Messers Ross, Lewis and Indyk and appoint distinguished, fair-minded Americans, such as former President Carter, Senator J. William Fulbright, Senator George McGovern and former Deputy-Secretary of State George W. Ball.

We submit that it is shameful that the United States, which is a champion of the right of self-determination of peoples and human rights, should be a party to this Israeli conspiracy to perpetuate Israeli criminal colonial control of the West Bank and Gaza.

4. Because Yitzhak Rabin is in charge of these negotiations. Yitzhak Rabin pretends to be moderate. He won the election on the promise of making peace with the Arabs, but Rabin is making every effort to sabotage the peace negotiations because his Zionist principles are similar to

those of Yitzhak Shamir. Rabin is of Russian origin, but he was born in Palestine. As a Palestinian, he should be in favor of making a just and lasting settlement with the Christian and Muslim Palestinians who declared their intention of co-existing and living in peace with the Palestinian Jews. But Rabin has been an extremist and a zealot since his youth. He joined the Palmach terrorist organization in 1941. From 1941 to 1946 he was engaged in acts of terrorism against Palestinian civilians and against members of the British and Palestinian Police and British Armed Forces. He was tried, convicted and jailed for these crimes. Rabin from 1948 to 1950 took part in massacres against the Palestinians and expelled Palestinians from the districts of Jaffa, Lydda and Ramle. His home is full of Persian carpets looted from Palestinian homes. He took part in the 1967 War of Aggression, killed many Palestinians and expelled many Palestinians. As Prime Minister of 1974 - 1978, Rabin was responsible for the War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide committed by the Israeli army against the Palestinians. As Defense Minister in 1988, he ordered breaking the bones of Palestinian boys and young men. As Prime Minister since 1992, he is responsible for the War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide committed against the Palestinians. The era of his rule is worst for the Palestinians than the era of Shamir rule.

Rabin personally is not interested in peace, but has the ulterior motives, described by Maxim Ghilan. Although he was elected on the peace platform, and 50% of his Cabinet, and more than 50% of the Israelis, want real and just peace, he is sabotaging the peace efforts.

Assuming Rabin submits to the pressure of the Israelis and to the peace-loving members of his Cabinet and accepts the withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza and the Golan Heights and makes real, just and permanent peace with the Arabs, his government may be defeated in The Knesset and a Likud Government may succeed him.

The Likud Government will be led by the terrorist and war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu. Mr. Netanyahu is of Lithuanian origin. His family lived in the United States and his father was a professor in the United States. He was born in Palestine because his mother was visiting Jerusalem. He was educated in the United States and had United States citizenship, but he migrated to Palestine and served in the Unit 101 formed by Ariel Sharon. He took part in raids on Arab villages in the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria and took part in blowing Arab homes at 3 a.m., killing all residents--men, women and children.

Mr. Netanyahu is one of the extremist fringe in Israel which advocates expelling Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza according to the criminal plan of "transfer." He strongly opposes the withdrawal of Israel from any part of the Golan Heights or from Lebanon.

Mr. Secretary,

The above-mentioned points of fact and law prove that the only way to make peace between the Arabs and Israel is when the United States even-handedly return this dispute to the principles of international law and justice and the principles established by United Nations resolutions from 1947 until 1993. The United States must tell Israel that it shall abide by these principles, withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories and make a just and lasting peace.

Yasser Arafat, President of the state of Palestine and leader of the PLO, declared on many occasions that the Palestinians are ready and willing to live in peace with Israel. Recognizing Israel's existence by this Palestinian leader is the greatest concession the Palestinians can make provided Israel declares its intention to live in peace with the Palestinians and other Arab neighbors, and not as a colonial, expansionist regime of apartheid.

Some Israeli writers and their supporters in the American Press often state that Israel is making all the concessions, and the Palestinians and other Arabs are making no concessions. The President of the state of Palestine recognized the existence of Israel and declared on many occasions that the Palestinians are willing to forgive and forget and to live in peace with Israel. This is a magnanimous and a gracious concession. The Jews never, and will never, forget the Nazi crimes against them. Yasser Arafat has told the world that the Palestinians are willing to make peace with Israel and forgive and forget.

We in the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine do not recognize the existence of Israel or its rights or sovereignty in 80% of our homeland and maintain that Israel is an illegitimate alien colonial regime. However, we recognize the existence of the Jews in Palestine and we are willing to live with them in peace in a Holy Land state where Muslims, Jews and Christians can live as fellow citizens without any discrimination on the ground of race or religion. The Holy Land state could be composed of Arab and Jewish cantons as a federal state, such as Switzerland. The Holy Land state should have no army, navy or air force, but a police force. It will be open for pilgrimage and tourism for all nations. This solution is in accordance with the dream of the 300 noble American-Jewish leaders who, on March 4, 1919, handed a statement to President

Wilson for transmission to the peace conference. This is also in accordance with the vision of Juda Magnes and Martin Buber, the two great Jewish scholars and philosophers. The Holy Land state will be a paradise and a world center for all religious faiths, instead of Palestine and Israel remaining as they are today, and shall be for a long time to come, an armed camp, a jungle of violence, bloodshed, sacrilege and hate.

Many Israelis want the Palestinians to accept the ridiculous self-rule on Israeli conditions and state that this is the only option for the Palestinians. They should take it or leave it. Many Israelis and their American supporters say that the Palestinians always miss the opportunities. They consider that the self-rule is a golden opportunity and that the Palestinians are stupid enough to miss it. This Israeli-American logic is incomprehensible. The Israelis usurped 80% of our homeland and now they want to divide the 20%, namely the West Bank and Gaza, into three parts and guarantee their perpetual domination of the Palestinians. They want the Palestinians to accept to be a Bantustan Colony in greater Israel. What a great and honorable opportunity for the Palestinians to miss!!

Let me tell these Israelis and their American friends that the Palestinians will never accept Israeli domination and shall resist Israeli occupation to the last man and woman. If the Israelis do not respect the right of self-determination of the Palestinians and do not wish to live with them in peace, in two separate states or in a federal Holy Land state, it will be the crazy Israelis who are missing this golden opportunity of making real peace, just peace and a permanent peace with great sacrifices by the Palestinians.

The Israelis may feel strong and secure being aided, abetted and supported by the United States of America. They are short-sighted to believe that this American support will continue forever. The American people have been awakened and they cannot accept any longer the control of their Congress by the Israeli Lobby and Israeli infiltration in their administration. On the other hand, the Arab world and the Muslim world may be divided now, but this will not be for long, if Israel persists in its aggression and in committing War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Let the Israelis remember that the crusades endured 150 years and finally the Muslims conquered the crusaders and returned Palestine to its original inhabitants. This Zionad may last 50, 75 or 100 years, and if the Jews refuse to accept to live in peace with the Arabs and continue to live as a colonial expansionist regime of apartheid, the whole Middle East one day will be destroyed by a Holocaust.

If Israel wants peace, it must withdraw to the only recognized boundaries for Israel, defined by Resolution 181 (II), and must abide by the terms and conditions of that resolution. The Palestine state and the Jewish state could have cooperation and economic union as was envisioned by that resolution.

RETURN THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS
TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Mr. Secretary,

The aforementioned facts prove beyond any doubt that direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs will fail. It is important that the United States consult and cooperate with other permanent members of the Security Council and return the Middle East problems to the Security Council. The Security Council should decide to implement all resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council regarding the Palestine problem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon. We suggest that the Security Council adopt resolutions on the following matters:

1. Ordering a cease fire and disengagement between Israel and the Palestinians as follows:

(a) Israel must immediately return to their homes the 410 Palestinians who were illegally banished by Rabin and still live in Southern Lebanon.

(b) Israel must release from prisons and concentration camps the 15,300 Palestinian men and women who are detained under the most horrible inhuman conditions and who were, and are being, tortured by barbaric methods.

(c) Israel must stop all settlement building and usurpation of Palestinian lands and must forthwith withdraw all Israeli citizens from the West Bank and Gaza, including East Jerusalem and Jerusalem suburbs.

(d) The Palestinians must end their resistance to the Israeli occupation and declare that they wish to live in peace with their Israeli neighbors.

2. Order Israel to withdraw its armed forces, civil administrations and citizens from the West Bank and Gaza, including East Jerusalem and Jerusalem suburbs within one month, to be replaced by United Nations forces pending negotiation between Israel and the Palestine state.

3. Order that negotiations between Israel and the Palestine state should be under the auspices of the Security Council. These negotiations should be on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 of 22 November 1967, 2253 (ES-V) and 2254 (ES-V) of 4 and 14 July 1967, 252 of 21 May 1968, 267 of 3 July 1969, 271 (1969) of 15 September 1969, 298 (1971) of 25 September 1971, 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and 726 of January 6, 1992. And on the basis of the General Assembly Resolutions 181 (II), 194 (III) and all the General Assembly resolutions relating to the Palestine problem.

The issues which must be negotiated between the Palestine state and Israel should be the following:

- (a) The boundaries between Israel and the Palestine state.
- (b) Arrangements for co-existence between Israel and the Palestine state in Jerusalem and guarantees for the Holy places and freedom of religion for all faiths.
- (c) The restitution to the Palestine refugees of all their properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1948 to 1993 in the areas Israel occupied between 1947 - 1950 and compensation for the private property which cannot be restituted. Under international law private property is sacred and, therefore, Israel is under legal and moral obligation to restitute to Palestinians all their private properties or compensate them for those properties that cannot be restituted. Israel obtained compensation from Germany exceeding \$30 billion, and at present requesting restitution of, or compensation for, private Jewish properties which were usurped in all European countries.
- (d) Giving all settlements established by Israel in the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestine state. This would be considered as part of a settlement between Israel and the Palestine state when discussing the restitution and compensation regarding Palestinian properties which were illegally usurped by Israel from 1947 to 1993.
- (e) The implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 194 (III) and other United Nations resolutions regarding the return of Palestinian refugees who must be given the option to return to their homes, or not to return, and be compensated.
- (f) Mutual security of Israel and the Palestine state.
- (g) Economic cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian state.

4. Order Israel to withdraw its Armed Forces and citizens from the Golan Heights to its recognized boundaries defined by the General Assembly Resolution 181 (II). And order that negotiations between Syria and Israel should be under the auspices of the Security Council on the following issues:

(a) Giving all the settlements established by Israel in the Golan Heights as part of the settlement of damages inflicted by Israel on Syrian towns and villages since 1967.

(b) Normalization of relations between Syria and Israel.

(c) Destruction of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and barring the use thereof by Syria and Israel.

5. Order Israel to withdraw its Armed Forces from Lebanon and to disband its Mercenary Forces in Southern Lebanon. Negotiations between Lebanon and Israel shall be under the auspices of the Security Council on the following issues:

(a) Compensation to be paid by Israel for the destruction caused by Israel in Lebanon during the 1978 and 1982 Wars of Aggression.

(b) Normalization of relations between Lebanon and Israel.

6. Order Israel to withdraw its forces from the occupied part of the territory of Jordan and that it shall respect the demarcation of the boundaries between them as defined by Resolution 181 (II).

7. Order that all agreements reached by Israel with the Palestine state, Syria and Lebanon should be signed in a peace conference under the auspices of the Security Council and should be confirmed by the Security Council.

SANCTIONS

If the Government of Israel refuses, impede, or delay the implementation of Security Council resolutions and refuses to abide by the above-mentioned principles, economic, military and political sanctions should be imposed on Israel in the same way they were imposed on Iraq and even on Haiti.

We are sending copies of this letter to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Members of the Security Council and all other members of the United Nations. We implore these distinguished Ministers to use their influence with the United States of America to return the problems of the Middle East to the United Nations and pressure Israel to make a just and permanent peace in accordance with International Law and Justice and all United Nations Resolutions from 1947 until 1993.

Mr. Secretary,

If you do not follow our sincere recommendations in this letter, the Middle East will be thrust within five to ten years into political chaos, and wars, in which nuclear, chemical and biological weapons may be used. Should this happen, the greatest responsibility for this catastrophe will fall on the United States Congress and United States Administrations which aided and abetted Israel in its aggressions, War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide against the Palestinians and other Arab nations.

Mr. Secretary,

We have great hopes and confidence that you, with your wisdom and sense of justice, will prevent this catastrophe. History will record that President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher brought peace and justice to the Middle East and guaranteed the best interests of the peoples of the Middle East and served the best interests of the United States and all the world.

Respectfully yours,

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